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1. Dr. (fnu) Boehr, Ernst Nikisch, and (fnu) Seiwert are members of the research division of the Second Physical Institute of Humboldt University, Berlin. Dr. Boehr is chief assistant to Dr. Robert Rompe, director of the Institute. Boehr is working on surface layer effects, static noises, long term fading, dielectric constant, and oxygen and temperature influences on conductivity. He is described as a very capable man with considerable ambition. Regarding his politics, he is not SED orientated. Boehr lives in Frohnau, West Berlin. Nikisch has been conducting research on cadmium sulfide. Up to two years ago, he had been working on cosmic rays. Nikisch lives in Wilmersdorf, West Berlin. Seiwert is also working on cadmium sulfide.
2. Professor Dr. Eder of Humboldt University is closely connected with Dr. Rompe's Institute but is not actually a part of it. Eder is working in the field of low temperatures and the phenomena of second sound in liquid helium.
3. It is known that not all of the research work being conducted at the Second Physical Institute is backed by research requests from ZAFI. It is believed that all research work is published upon completion.
4. Professor Dr. Rompe is reported to be spending much time at his Institute in Humboldt University. He is on good terms with Professor Dr. Friedrich Moeglich of the Buch Institute for Solids but has no official connection with that Institute. When Rompe received his National Prize in the fall of 1951, he was mistakenly referred to as the director of Buch Institute

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